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18 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
19 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

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KWAPNOSKI, on behalf of themselves  
23 and all others similarly situated.,

24 Plaintiff,

25 v.

26 WAL-MART STORES, INC.,

27 Defendant.

Case No. C-01-2252-CRB

**JOINT CASE MANAGEMENT  
STATEMENT**

**Date: October 26, 2012**

**Time: 10:00 a.m.**

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2       In its Order Denying Motion to Dismiss (hereafter Order) issued on September 21, 2012,  
3 the Court directed plaintiffs to file their motion for class certification by January 11, 2013. On  
4 receipt of this order, plaintiffs promptly propounded a Request to Supplement Discovery and  
5 Requests to Produce Documents and a short set of Interrogatories regarding the proposed class.  
6 The parties also held a number of meet and confer sessions to discuss the scope of discovery and  
7 the schedule for class certification. During these sessions, although the parties further refined the  
8 areas of dispute, there remain a number of areas of disagreement. Plaintiffs proposed, and Wal-  
9 Mart did not oppose, a Case Management Conference in order to bring any remaining matters to  
10 the Court's attention for resolution.

11           A. Class Certification

12       Plaintiffs proposed the following arrangement, which Wal-Mart does not oppose: (i)  
13 plaintiffs at this time will seek certification of a class limited to women who worked in the  
14 proposed "California Regions" during the period ending June 1, 2004; (ii) any supplemental class  
15 discovery prior to plaintiffs' class certification motion will be limited to that same time period;  
16 and (iii) the parties will reserve any rights and arguments they may have with respect to the  
17 period after June 1, 2004, agreeing to meet and confer if necessary regarding that issue following  
18 the district court's ruling on class certification. In addition, Wal-Mart will not oppose plaintiffs  
19 request for a modification of the Court's briefing schedule extending the deadline for plaintiffs'  
20 class certification motion by three months. If plaintiffs' request is granted their motion for class  
21 certification will be due April 11, 2013.

22           B. Plaintiffs' Retention of a Privileged Wal-Mart Document

23       The parties are in dispute as to whether plaintiffs must return a privileged and confidential  
24 document prepared by Wal-Mart's counsel, for which Wal-Mart did not authorize disclosure.

25       On February 16, 2011, plaintiffs' counsel Joseph Sellers wrote an email to Wal-Mart's  
26 counsel advising that he had received a package containing a privileged and confidential  
27 memorandum prepared for Wal-Mart by its outside counsel Akin Gump (the "Akin Gump  
28 Memo"). Mr. Sellers stated that the package did not have a return address and did not contain

1 any cover letter or note. Wal-Mart has not authorized disclosure of the Akin Gump Memo.  
 2 Confirming that the Akin Gump Memo is protected by the attorney-client privilege and work  
 3 product doctrines, Wal-Mart's counsel demanded the return of the Akin Gump Memo on  
 4 February 17, 2011; plaintiffs' counsel has not complied.

5 Wal-Mart's position is that the plaintiffs are obligated to return or destroy the Akin Gump  
 6 Memo. *See, e.g.*, D.C. Ethics Rules 1.15(c), and 8.4(c); D.C. Bar Legal Ethics Committee  
 7 Opinions 318 and 256 (failure to return such documents upon request may be a "dishonest act").  
 8 While plaintiffs' counsel suggested in his February 16, 2011 letter that the Akin Gump Memo be  
 9 lodged with the Court under seal pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(b)(5)(B) until the  
 10 parties either agree to their disposition or, after briefing on the subject, the Court can rule on its  
 11 disposition, Wal-Mart's counsel objected to plaintiffs' suggestion on the grounds that Rule  
 12 26(b)(5)(B) does not apply under these circumstances because the Rule of its face is limited to  
 13 "information produced in discovery," which the Akin Gump Memo plainly was not. Plaintiffs  
 14 continue to refuse to return the memo, therefore Wal-Mart will prepare and file a motion to  
 15 compel the return of the Akin Gump Memo.

16 C. Communication with Putative Class Members

17 Wal-Mart and plaintiffs have agreed in principle that Wal-Mart is not limited in the  
 18 manner in which it may communicate with its employees and other putative class members  
 19 regarding this case. Wal-Mart will comply with California law in its communications, and will  
 20 disclose that the person asking the questions represents Wal-Mart and is asking questions in  
 21 relation to a purported class action entitled *Dukes v Wal-Mart*. Further Wal-Mart's attorneys  
 22 will not knowingly communicate with any potential class member currently represented by  
 23 plaintiffs' counsel.

24 D. Wal-Mart's Pending Motion Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1292(b)

25 Wal-Mart filed a Request for Certification for Interlocutory Appeal to the United States  
 26 Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit on October 19, 2012, noticing a hearing on December 14,  
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1 2012. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1292(b), Wal-Mart moves this Court for an order certifying two  
2 issues for immediate interlocutory appeal:

3 i. Whether the class claims asserted in the Fourth Amended Complaint are barred by  
4 the statute of limitations because class allegations are not subject to tolling under  
5 *American Pipe & Construction Co. v. Utah*, 414 U.S. 538 (1974), following  
6 decertification; and  
7 ii. Whether the class claims asserted in the Fourth Amended Complaint are barred by  
8 the Supreme Court's decision in *Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. v. Dukes*, 131 S. Ct. 2541  
9 (2011).

10 Dated: October 24, 2012

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